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July 22, 2005

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Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
P.O. Box 1473
Merrifield, VA 22116

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Re: HPV Chemical Challenge Program, Registration No. _____

Dear Administrator Johnson:

The American Chemistry Council's Fatty Nitrogen Derivatives (FND) Panel wishes to provide an update to EPA on the status of sponsorship by MeadWestvaco Corporation of the following chemical:

Chemical	CAS #
Fatty acids, tall oil, compounds with triethanolamine	68132-46-7

In a letter dated July 6, 2005, MeadWestvaco informed you that it plans to cease production of CAS# 68132-46-7 by the end of 2005 and hence will no longer sponsor this chemical under the HPV Challenge Program. MeadWestvaco will continue to sponsor CAS# 68132-46-7 and CAS# 68953-36-6 through participation in the American Chemistry Council's Amides Task Group of the FND Panel.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact Nancy Sandrof, Manager for the FND Panel at (703) 741-5605 or nancy_sandrof@americanchemistry.com

Sincerely yours,

Attachment

Cc: FND Panel
Steven Russell, ACC
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MeadWestvaco

July 6, 2005

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ATTN: Chemical Right-to-Know Program

**RE: • Withdrawal of Commitment (Fatty acids, tall oil, compounds with
triethanolamine, CASRN 68132-46-7)
MeadWestvaco Corporation
Registration No. 110926**

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

In a March 11, 1999 letter to Ms. Carol Browner, then EPA Administrator, MeadWestvaco Corporation (then Westvaco Corporation), agreed to participate in the High Production Volume (HPV) program and sponsor seventeen chemicals. Fourteen of the chemicals were sponsored through participation in the Pine Chemicals Association (PCA) HPV consortium. One chemical (CASRN 53980-88-4) is unique to MeadWestvaco and was sponsored alone by MeadWestvaco. Final test plans and robust summaries have already been submitted to the agency for the above HPV chemicals.

Moreover, MeadWestvaco also sponsored an additional two chemicals (CASRN 68132-46-7 and CASRN 68953-36-6) through participation in the American Chemistry Council's Fatty Nitrogen Derivatives - Amides consortium. The revised test plan and robust summaries for this category were submitted to the EPA during September 2004.

MeadWestvaco has decided to cease all manufacture of HPV chemical CASRN 68132-46-7 by the end of calendar 2005. Given this situation, there is no valid reason to complete testing of this chemical under the HPV program. Therefore, MeadWestvaco is withdrawing its sponsorship of this chemical under the HPV program.

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Please contact me at 843-740-2296 or FLL1@meadwestvaco.com if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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